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1. AS ANTICIPATED, SPD AND FDP DELEGATIONS REACHED FINAL AGREEMENT ON COMMON GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAM DURING EVENING NEGOTIATING SESSION APRIL 7 WHILE FULL PROGRAM WILL BE MADE PUBLIC ONLY ON APRIL 25, WHEN GOVERNMENTAL DECLARATION BEFORE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SCHEDULED, INDICATIONS ARE THAT FDP WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE NO MORE THAN MINIMAL CONCESSIONS FROM SPD. WHILE GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ SPOKE OF "NEITHER VICTORS NOT VANQUISHED.", FDP CHAIRMAN LUEDER NOTED THAT COMPROMISE PROGRAM REJECTED ELECTION RESULTS AS A WHOLE (I.E., 7.2 PERCENT FOR FDP VIS-A-VIS 42.7 PERCENT FOR SPD).

2. ATTENTION OF NEGOTIATORS IS NOW FOCUSED EXCLUSIVELY ON PERSONNEL MATTERS. SPOKESMEN FOR BOTH SPD AND FDP

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HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "DIFFICULT" QUESTIONS REMAIN TO

BE RESOLVED, YET NONE SO INTRACTABLE AS TO CALL INTO QUESTION INSTALLATION OF SPD-FDP COALITION GOVERNMENT ON APRIL 25. FDP, AS BEFORE, IS PUSHING FOR MAYORSHIP, THREE SENATORIAL SEATS, AND THREE SENATSDIREKTOR APPOINTMENTS. SPD, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, IS ATTEMPTING TO HOLD LINE AT TWO SENATORIAL SEATS, AND APPARENTLY HAS RESERVATIONS AS TO SUITABILITY OF FDP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN EMIG AS SENATOR FOR ECONOMICS. FDP CHAIRMAN LUEDER FOUND IT NECESSARY APRIL 8 TO DEFEND EMIG'S QUALIFICATIONS BEFORE PRESS, AND TO VOICE HOPE THAT NEITHER PARTY LEADERSHIP WOULD SEEK TO REJECT EACH OTHER'S NOMINEES.

3. SPD LEFT-WING HAS THROWN SPANNER IN WORKS OF COALITION NEGOTIATIONS BY REPEATING APRIL 7 ITS DEMAND-REJECTED BY SCHUETZ LAST WEEK-THAT TWO OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES BE GIVEN SENATE SEATS, SPECIFICALLY THAT RISTOCK BE APPOINTED SENATOR FOR SCHOOLS IN PLACE OF LOEFFLER AND THAT REICHEL BE RETAINED AS SENATOR FOR FAMILY, YOUTH, AND SPORTS. SPD FRAKTION CHAIRMAN HAUS HAS STRONGLY CRITICIZED ATTITUDE OF LEFT WING AS "ANYTHING BUT HELPFUL." LEFT WING HAS ALSO DRAWN UP AND PUBLICIZED "NEGATIVE LIST" OF INCUMBENT SPD SENATORS THAT IT WISHES TO SEE REMOVED FROM OFFICE. LIST INCLUDES KORBER, LIEHR (JUDGED AS "TOO WEAK"), NEUBAUER (CRITICIZED FOR POLICE ACTIONS DURING LORENZ EPISODE), LOEFFLER (FOR HIS OPPOSITION TO GEW) AND STRIEK (INVOLVEMENT IN STEGLITZER KREISEL AFFAIR).

4. SPD AND FDP NEGOTIATING DELEGATIONS (NOW LIMITED TO SCHUETZ AND HAUS FOR THE FORMER AND OXFORD AND LUEDER FOR THE LATTER) WERE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS ON PERSONNEL ISSUE DURING THREE-HOUR MEETING APRIL 9. BOTH SCHUETZ AND LUEDER ACKNOWLEDGED TO PRESS AFTERWARDS THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD ENTERED DIFFICULT PHASE. SOME LOCAL PAPERS--NOTABLY APRIL 10 DER ABEND-HAVE TAKEN TALK OF SPD-FDP CRISIS TO EXTREME AND ARE RAISING POSSIBILITY OF GRAND COALITION. SUCH AS OUTCOME SEEMS, HOWEVER, UNLIKELY. WHILE ADMITTING THAT PERSONNEL NEGOTIATIONS HAD PROVEN MORE DIFFICULT THAN ANTICIPATED, AND THAT TEMPORARY IMPASSE HAD IN FACT BEEN REACHED, BOTH SPD FRAKTION LEADER HAUS AND DEPUTY FDP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRAKTION LEADER RASCH ASSURED MISSION OFFICER APRIL 10 THAT FORMATION OF SPD-FDP COALITION BY APRIL 25 WAS NOT ENDANGERED. GEORGE

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